

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

An image search apparatus, which searches for an arbitrary image on an HDD whereon images, obtained by monitor cameras, are recorded in a time sequence for each screen, has a CPU which sequentially reads images from the HDD for individual screens, comparing means compares an image read by the CPU with a subsequently read image, designates the subsequently read image as an arbitrary image when the two images do not match, and transmits the arbitrary image to the CPU as the search results. Therefore, the image search apparatus can easily search for an arbitrary image among images that have been photographed by cameras and have been recorded in a time sequence.